

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 has been amended to read as follows:

In a presently preferred embodiment of the invention, the novel thin membranes (NTMs) can be manufactured using extrusion procedures, such as for example those known in the art for making non-NTM structures. The NTM extrusion procedures according to the invention advantageously can provide for efficient production of the ~~membrane~~NTMs. Moreover, ~~membrane~~NTMs which are manufactured by such NTM extrusion techniques can according to the invention be free from solvent trappings in the ~~membrane~~NTM and, furthermore, according to the invention, can be provided with a molecular bias, including a predetermined molecular bias. Monoaxial extrusion may according to the invention be employed to manufacture the ~~membrane~~NTMs in a preferred embodiment of the present invention. In a modified embodiment, biaxial extrusion procedures may according to the invention be implemented to manufacture the ~~membrane~~NTMs. In one embodiment, a composition mixture comprising according to the invention an amorphous resorbable polymer, such as an amorphous lactide polymer, which can be for example poly L-lactide or more preferably poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide), is extruded to form an ~~membrane of the present invention~~NTM. In one embodiment, poly (L-lactide-co-D,L-lactide) 70:30 Resomer LR708 (manufactured and supplied from Boehringer Ingelheim KG of Germany) is extruded according to the invention to form ~~membranes of the present invention~~NTMs.